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CHILE

REF: A) STATE 45841 B) SANTIAGO 981 C) STATE 28478 D) SANTIAGO  
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1. CHILEAN AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE CAUAS IN HIS CONVERSATION  
WITH DEVINE (REF A) APPEARS TO BE SUGGESTING A DEVICE TO  
PREVENT VISITS TO THE US OF CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS, WHILE THE  
GOC HOLDS BACK VISITS OF CHILEAN OFFICIALS IN THE WAKE OF THE  
LAVIN AFFAIR.

2. THE DEPT WILL RECALL THAT FONMINISTER CARVAJAL MADE THIS  
SAME SUGGESTION TO ME ON FEBRUARY 3 (REF B). HE WAS GOING TO  
SUSPEND TRAVEL OF OFFICIAL CHILEANS AND TO ASK CAUAS TO LOOK  
INTO THE ENTIRE QUESTION OF ACCEPTING SUCH INVITATIONS, AFTER  
WHICH THE GOC WOULD DECIDE WHAT POSITION TO TAKE. HE ASKED THAT  
IN THE MEANTIME WE SUSPEND TRAVEL OF ALL CHILEAN INVITEES. I  
ACCEPTED THE GOC'S DECISION TO SUSPEND OFFICIAL INVITEES BUT  
DEMURRED ON THE PRIVATE ONES, AND OFFERED ONLY TO PUT HIS  
SUGGESTION TO THE DEPARTMENT. THE DEPARTMENT AGREED WITH MY  
POSITION (REFS C AND D).

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3. I BELIEVE THE BEST COURSE OF ACTION NOW IS FOR THE  
EMBASSY TO CONTINUE WITH OUR BROAD BASED IVP PROGRAM  
DESIGNED TO ENSURE THAT NO SINGLE GROUP DEMINATES.  
EXCLUDING MILITARY FOR PARCTICAL REASONS, WE WILL CON-  
TINUE TO INVITE RESPRESENTATIVE SELECTION OF OFFICIAL  
AND NON-OFFICIAL CHILEANS. THE TRAVEL OF PRIVATE  
CHILEANS IS PROCEEDING NORMALLY. THE POSITION OF THE

GOC ITSELF IS SOFTENING AS IT REALIZES THE VALUE OF THE PROGRAM. TWO OFFICIALS (KAST AND COUSINO) HAVE BEEN APPROVED FOR SEMINAR-TYPE GATHERINGS. IF THE GOC CONTINUES TO PREVENT OFFICIAL INVITEES FROM PROCEEDING, AS IT DID IN THE CASES OF BADIOLA, PRIETO, CORDERO AND CRESPO (REF B), THEN THE USG CANNOT BE BLAMED FOR ANY IMBALANCE WHICH MIGHT DEVELOP BETWEEN GOVERNMENT SYMPATHIZERS AND OTHERS. WE SHOULD NOT CONCERT WITH THE GOC TO RESTRICT THE PROGRAM. IF THEY DO IT, IT SHOULD BE CLEARLY THEIR DECISION.

4. WITH THE GOC WITHDRAWAL OF THE SEVERAL OFFICIAL INVITEES AND APPROVAL OF TWO OTHERS FOR SEMINAR-TYPE GATHERINGS, NO TRAVEL OF OFFICIAL INVITEES IS NOW IN SUSPENSE. OF THE NON-OFFICIAL ONES, GUILLERMO BLANCO HAS LEFT, AND THE GOC KNOWS ONLY THAT PDC LEADER (AND NEW PARTY PRESIDENT) ANDRES ZALDIVAR IS ON OUR LIST. HE IS THE PRINCIPAL TARGET OF CARVAJAL AND CAUAS. THEY OBVIOUSLY DO NOT WANT HIM IN THE US AT OUR INVITATION NOW--OR PROBABLY ANY TIME. BUT HAVING INVITED HIM, I DO NOT THINK WE SHOULD DRAW BACK.

5. THERE IS ONE ENCOURAGING SIGN IN THE GOC POSITION: THERE HAS BEEN NO ACROSS-THE-BOARD BAN OF OFFICIAL TRAVEL, AS WE HAD HEARD HAD BEEN DECIDED IN FEBRUARY (REF E).  
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